

Docket No. 244320US77CONT

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Alain BLOSSE, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/689,034

FILED: October 21, 2003

FOR: METHOD OF MAKING METALLIZATION AND CONTACT STRUCTURES IN AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT
USING A TIMED TRENCH ETCH

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Transmitted herewith is an PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

☒ Additional documents filed herewith: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT/FORM PTO-1449 (2pp.);
With all references filed in and/or cited by the Examiner in Parent Application
Serial No. 09/593,967 (now U.S. 6,635,566);
IDS/RELATED CASE STATEMENT w. List of Related Cases/Patent(s)

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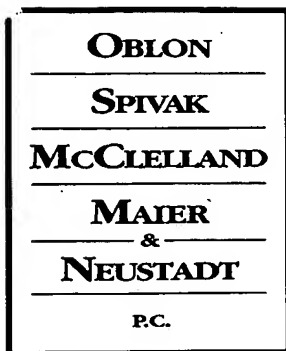
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The attached COPY of the Amendment Cover Letter for Serial No. 10/689,034 is for identification purposes only.

We are filing herewith the papers enclosed in the accordion folder on November 13, 2003.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page
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